GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1192
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2001
ADDITIONAL CESS ON PETROL AND DIESEL
CHANDRA NATH SINGH;M.V.CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SHYAMA SINGH;VIJAY GOEL

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been considering to levy additional cess on petrol and diesel to mop up nearly 1800 crore more annually;

(b) if so, whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has urged the Government of shortfall of funds beyond 2003;

(c) if so, the total funds collected by the Government on the levying of additional cess on petrol an diesel during the last three years; and

(d) the details of utilisation of these funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b) The available funds from the existing cess is of the order of approximately Rs.6,000 crore per annum out of which about Rs. 2,000 crore is for National Highways, which is not sufficient to fully meet the NHDP requirements. Therefore, various options for raising additional resources for NHDP are being explored.

(c) & (d) No additional cess has been levied. However, from the existing cess sums of Rs. 1,900 crore, Rs. 2,010 crore and Rs. 2,100 crore have been provided for National Highways during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively and utilised/are being utilised primarily for National Highway Development Project.